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Red Hawks senior players Jessica Karaguesian, left, and Naomi Russell converge on a Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans player during HHSS home opener on Tuesday, May 5 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Spartans held off the Hawks 1-0. The Hawks, who had strong play from goalkeeper Sydney Cameron, Erin Carmount, Madison Billings, Maggie Scheffee and Russell, are winless on the season. /DARREN LUM Staff

Charges against Hicks dropped

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Theft charges against former Stanhope Airport manager Duane Hicks have been dropped.

In January, the Haliburton Highlands OPP announced they had charged Hicks, 46, with two counts of "theft by person required to account," for alleged fraudulent activity during his time as an employee of Algonquin Highlands township, which owns and operates the Stanhope Airport.

Hicks held the position for about a year and was dismissed in late 2012. Reeve Carol Moffatt said the dismissal was unrelated to the allegations.

The OPP investigation began in the summer of 2013.

According to the police, the investigation revealed Hicks had leased hangars at the airport, invoiced it to his personal company and kept the money. A warrant for his arrest was issued in January.

At the time, Hicks called the charges frivolous and said he'd defend himself in court.

Last week, Hicks, now living in Alberta, told the paper by phone that he'd hired legal counsel and had the charges successfully dropped.

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Ingoldsby area fire started in burning pit

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell says a fire at the Ingoldsby landfill the afternoon of Sunday, May 3 could have been a lot worse.

Fourteen members of the Minden Hills

fire department responded to a call about the blaze just after 3 p.m.

"It had jumped out 100 feet from the burning pit into the bush," Schell told the paper. He said the pit had been used a couple of days prior and that Sunday heat had reignited warm spots.

The fire burned about 2.5 acres of brush on

the municipally owned property, with fire-fighters bringing it under control within an hour.

Schell had alerted the MNR to be prepared in case it grew to size not manageable by the volunteer department.

No structures were damaged.

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Council limits community grants at \$750

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills will cap grants to community organizations at \$750 as councillors approved a new grant/fee waiver program at their April 30 meeting.

Policy 91 will replace the township's Policy 13, which previously dealt with grants and in-kind contributions to non-profit groups.

"These are politically contentious things when we decide who get monies and who doesn't," said Reeve Brent Devolin. "It won't be a perfect document. If there are flaws in the policy, it is always open to amendment."

The reeve pointed out that most members of council are involved with one or more community groups and so recusing oneself from voting on the issue would leave no one to cast a vote.

"Given the nature of who is around the council table, we each have our fingers in at least one of these pies," Devolin said, adding it was the nature of a small community and that

there was no personal monetary benefit for councillors in voting on the policy.

For 2015, Minden Hills gave more than \$56,000 to community organizations in the form of cash donations or waivers for use of municipal facilities.

A total of \$17,000 in cash donations was granted, including \$4,000 for Community Care, \$3,500 for the Minden Food Bank, \$3,000 to Cat Angels to help house Minden's feral cats, \$2,500 to U-Links and \$2,000 to each of the Minden Horticultural Society and Point in Time.

Council decided to go with a \$750 cap as opposed to a cap of \$500 that had been previously discussed.

The cap will not apply to the Minden Agricultural Society or the Minden Kin Club regarding their use of the fairgrounds, as historical agreements with those organizations exist dating to the ceding of the fairground properties to the municipality.

To qualify, organizations must meet a list of criteria including proof of not-for-profit status, that the organization is based in the township with the majority of members being residents and that activities are demonstrably for the public good.

All requests involving cash donations will go before coun-

cil, while requests for waivers will be handled by community services director Mark Coleman.

If an organization disagrees with Coleman's decision, it can appeal that decision to council.

Requests should be made by Oct. 31 for the upcoming budget year and applications will be dealt with on a first-come, first-served basis as the budget allows.

Councillors did express some concerns with the policy as it stands.

"We are looking at this strictly in monetary value," said Councillor Pam Sayne, suggesting that attendance should play a factor, even act as incentive, in the size of grants. Sayne also didn't want to hinder new groups coming forward who may need help starting up.

"Youth is not represented here very well," she said.

"I see the community services department as just that, a service for the community that has already been paid for by the taxpayer," said Councillor Lisa Schell, adding, however, the township couldn't afford to continually give things away.

"I consider this a living document, also," said Councillor Jeanne Anthon, echoing Devolin's comments and reiterating the policy could be changed moving forward if necessary.

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Township awards waste disposal contract

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an April 30 Minden Hills council meeting.

Hazardous waste

Council awarded a three-year contract for the handling of hazardous household waste to Buckham Transport Ltd. for just less than \$40,000, including HST. The contract comes with two additional one-year options.

Volunteer policy

Council passed a policy for members of the townships advisory committees, containing a code of ethics and code of conduct, with Reeve Brent Devolin saying committee members will be held to the same standards as members of council. Advisory committees for the new term of council have yet to be announced. The policy will evolve to include other township volunteers as well, such as sports coaches, etc.

Dry conditions

Devolin encouraged residents to remember that conditions in the township can be dry in the spring, allowing fires to start easily. The township's fire department had recently responded to a grass fire. "Be cognizant this time of year that the fire risk is very high," Devolin said.

Road closed for relay

Water Street will be closed from its intersection with Bobcaygeon Road to the post office from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 4 to make way for the Pan Am Games torch relay event. There will be speeches by local dignitaries.

Property sought for lake health demonstration

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) is looking for a demonstration property for shoreline re-naturalization within Minden Hills.

"We have one mission; protecting and improving the quality of our lakes," CHA chairman Paul MacInnes told councillors when he visited them during their April 30 meeting.

Human habitation can negatively affect lake health in myriad ways, from erosion to decalcification to increased phosphorous levels.

"There are two things that you can focus on to help prevent those kinds of problems," MacInnes said, explaining these are improving septic health and shoreline health.

The latter was the focus of MacInnes's visit, as he explained the CHA's Love Your Lake program to councillors.

Natural shorelines – those that contain native plant species and are devoid of hard surfaces – benefit lake health in numerous ways, such as filtering pollutants, preventing erosion and providing habitat for animals.

Native vegetation has longer roots than non-native vegetation.

Sweet kale, MacInnes said, has been recommended to help rejuvenate the frog population.

MacInnes stressed that "hard surfaces" include more than retaining walls, patios, decks and boathouses.

"People don't realize, for instance, that grass is considered a hard surface," he said. "Anything that's not native, deep-rooted vegetation is a hard surface."

Ideally, 75 per cent of a shoreline should be re-naturalized, back to a distance of 30 metres.

Started last summer, the Love Your Lake program sees Trent University students travelling county lakes, assessing shoreline properties and writing reports.

Those reports, which are confidential, are mailed to property owners, providing suggestions on how they could re-naturalize their shorelines.

Last year, nearly 2,500 properties on 10 lakes were assessed. The lakes included Redstone, Little Redstone, Bitter, Burdock, Pelaw, Boshkung, Drag, Spruce, Koshlong and Kashawigamog.

Another round of lakes will be surveyed this summer and by the time the project is completed in 2018, it's expected be-

tween 9,000 and 10,000 properties will have been assessed.

"We need demonstration sites that people can go to and see," MacInnes explained.

He asked that Minden Hills identify two to three potential sites and also appoint a liaison to work with the CHA on the project.

Demo sites need to be easily and publicly accessible, with space for car parking and, ideally, water access. The properties need to be large enough to handle ad hoc public visits as well as organized trips and educational signage. Ideally properties should represent a range of restoration challenge, such as steep slopes and erosion.

"I'm fully supportive of the activities of the organization," Reeve Brent Devolin told MacInnes. "We definitely will identify some people and some sites, so you can continue your work."

The CHA is taking the initiative to each of the county's lower-tier township.

Founded in 2009, the CHA has grown from a membership of 23 lakes to 100.

For more information on the CHA, visit www.cohpoa.org.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 14, 2015

Committee of the Whole meeting, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

May 14, 2015

Special Meeting of Council to follow the Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of adopting an Advisory Board/Committees Policy and to appoint members to Council's Advisory Boards/Committees.

May 16, 2015

Household Hazardous Waste Day, 8:00 am to 11:30 am, Scotchline Landfill

May 28, 2015

Regular Council meeting, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

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Service cuts led to dangerous roads: AG

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Ontario government is putting lives at risk in order to save money on winter highway maintenance.

That's the damning conclusion of an auditor general's report released April 29.

The audit, requested by the standing committee of public accounts, found that in 2009, significant changes were made to the way the Ministry of Transportation contracts out highway maintenance work, as the province sought to reduce costs by millions of dollars.

"While the change has been successful in reducing and containing winter highway maintenance expenditures, it has done so at the cost of Ontario's roads not being as well-maintained as they used to be," reads the 44-page report, compiled by auditor general Bonnie Lysyk. "In essence, over the past five years, winter highway maintenance levels have declined from the level that Ontarians have historically been used to."

Conditions during the harsh winter of 2013/14 were particularly bad, the document reads, and "the ministry also acknowledges that, based on preliminary information, there was an increase in the number of deaths on Ontario highways in 2013 where snow, slush or ice was a factor."

In 2009, the province switched to what it calls "performance-based" contracting for winter highway maintenance. In Haliburton County, the switch to this new type of outsourcing happened in 2012, with multinational company Carillion taking over highway maintenance for highways 35 and 118. Previously, the contract had belonged to Fowler Construction, with work subcontracted to local companies, such as Carnarvon's Francis Thomas Contracting.

County residents have noticed a substantial drop in the quality of winter highway maintenance since that time.

The new "performance-based" model requires much less provincial oversight, leaving most decisions, as well as monitoring, up to the contractors themselves.

"In a performance-based contract, the awardee of the contract sets standards and outcome targets for the contractor to meet," the report reads. "The contractor, not the awardee of the contract, performs the patrols to determine what's needed, and plans and manages all the work. In other words, rather than being told in the contract what means to use to get to the end result, the contractor decides how to deliver the end result."

The audit found there are no regulations regarding how many vehicles, or how much salt, sand, etc. is to be used.

"The amount of snow plows, salters and other equipment, as well as the amount of salt, sand and anti-icing used was left solely up to the decision of the contractor," the document states. "However, as the overriding criteria used by the ministry to award contracts was the lowest bid, there was an obvious incentive for contractors to minimize their equipment and use of winter treatment materials."

Under the previous agreement for the province's Huntsville district (which includes much of the sections of highways 118 and 35 located in the county), 13 snow plows were used. Under the new system, nine are used. Under the previous contract, eight salt and sand spreaders were used for the district. Now, none is used, with Carillion instead using combination units, of which there used to be 18 for the district and are now 29.

Rules around circuit times were also changed, with the length of time extended.

"In developing the circuit-time outcome targets, the ministry included a buffer and made the circuit times longer," the report reads.

Under previous specifications, the maximum circuit time for Class 3 roadways (both highway 35 and 118 are Class 3) was 174 minutes. Under the performance-based model, the "outcome target" is 198 minutes.

"As well, the definition of circuit time was changed," the report continues. "The return trip to the yard no longer had to be included within the circuit time. Ministry staff and engineers estimated that this trip took an av-

erage of 13 minutes, province-wide. Thus, contractors were allowed a longer time to do less."

With the average of a 13-minute trip to the yard factored in, the average circuit time for a Class 3 roadway has increased by 37 minutes.

In 2009/10, it took contractors an average of 2.1 hours to bring roadways back to "bare pavement" standards following a snowstorm. In 2013/14, it took them an average of 4.7 hours – more than twice as long.

Not only is it taking contractors more time to clean up following storms, they are doing less maintenance during periods of snowfall themselves.

The ministry changed requirements for plowing during a storm, removing the need to plow non-freeway shoulders where an excessive amount of snow has accumulated; plow right-side freeway shoulders where excessive snow has accumulated; continuously plow left-side freeway shoulders; and continuously plow blowing snow causing drifts on shoulders.

Its also lessened snowplowing requirements for interchange ramps and passing lanes.

The auditor general also found that stipulations requiring contractors to reimburse the province for unused materials such as salt and sand that existed in previous contracts were removed from the performance-based contracts, prompting companies to use less material.

"Under the previous AMCs (area management contracts), contractors would have to reimburse the ministry if they did not use minimal amounts of treatment materials stipulated in the contract," the report reads. "This ensured that contractors would at least use these amounts. Under the performance-based AMCs, the reimbursement arrangement was eliminated. Therefore, contractors no longer had an incentive to use the same amounts of treatment material. Also, it was no longer mandatory for contractors to use anti-icing liquid. This affected services levels."

Previously, the ministry directly oversaw whether contractors were meeting requirements. The performance-based model uses ministry-employed regional maintenance co-ordinators to report on whether contractors are meeting outcome targets, submitting audits to the province.

The auditor general found this oversight system needed improvement.

"They audit the performance of contractors in snowstorms against the outcome targets in the contracts," the report reads. "Most audits are conducted weeks after the storm, using data gathered during the storm and from contractors."

Audits are also not being performed nearly as frequently as they are supposed to be.

"Even though the main responsibility of each co-ordinator is to oversee contractors throughout performing five audits from October to April, we found that more than

one-quarter of co-ordinators do not do so," the report reads. "Co-ordinators who did not meet the five-audit target conducted, on average, less than three audits. One co-ordinator performed only one audit during the winter season."

The audit also found that while co-ordinators are required to "recreate storms" using data, they were not given training on how to do this. It found an over-reliance on self-reporting from contractors and other oversight downfalls.

"We also found that the ministry did not supply most of its staff with dashboard cameras to use when carrying out in-field audit observations," the report reads.

According to the auditor general, the province's procurement process did not adequately consider a bidders' abilities to actually deliver the required services.

"For example, having enough equipment is crucial for maintaining winter highways, but having enough equipment account for only 15 per cent of the criteria on which contractors were evaluated in Stage 1," the report reads. "Once at the second stage, qualitative differences between contractors with respect to the amount and type of equipment or any other aspect of maintenance were irrelevant in choosing the winning contractor. The only factor considered from this point on was how low a price the contractor bid. This favoured contractors that pursued every possible way to cut costs, including using the least amount of equipment and less material, which ultimately resulted in a reduction in service."

For 2013/14, there were some 1,110 instances where contractors did not meet multiple outcome targets, resulting in more than \$13 million in fines.

The report's findings came as no shock to Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey.

"I don't think that was a surprise to anybody," Fearrey told the paper. "It's what happens when big government makes unilateral decisions across the province. Just because it's cheaper, it's not always better."

The auditor general's report actually concluded that the cheaper contracts may cost the province more in the long run.

The decreased level of service has resulted in lawsuits, with some 220 claims against the province related to car crashes deemed to be result of shoddy maintenance.

Twenty-three of them have been settled, with the province paying out more than \$8 million in damages.

"Whatever kind of contract they've flushed out, it's not tight enough," Fearrey said of the province's agreement with Carillion. "When [county council] gets all the details, we'll have to follow up with letters and recommendations."

County councillors met with representatives from the MTO and Carillion at January meeting at Queen's Park facilitated by Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

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County still waiting on Winter Games funding from province

by **ANGELICA BLENICH**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at an April 29 meeting of Haliburton County council.

The county of Haliburton is still awaiting about \$10,000 in outstanding funds for hosting the Ontario 55+ Winter Games.

The funding was initially supposed to come from Sport Alliance Ontario, which facilitates the games on behalf of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Culture, however that organization has since gone bankrupt, said county treasurer Laura Janke.

The bankruptcy came earlier this year after the province announced it would be pulling its funding for SAO.

Janke told councillors the county will now be getting its money from the ministry.

"The Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Culture has guaranteed us in writing that we will receive the money," she said. "But it's going to take some time because now we have to enter into an agreement to get the \$10,000."

Janke told councillors she's hoping to enter into that agreement soon.

"We don't feel it's in jeopardy, it's just a matter of how it's going to happen," she said.

New AMO report doesn't solve OPP billing issue

A new report released by the Association of Municipalities Ontario doesn't offer many solutions to the county in facing the OPP billing model.

Released on April 27, the report is titled *Building a New Public Safety Model in Ontario* and includes a number of recommendations, said Janke.

The top three recommendations are to make changes to the interest arbitration system, to improve the quality of the existing governance and civilian oversight system and to make legislative changes to permit the greater transfer of specific functions to civilians or other security providers where appropriate.

Councillors were critical of the report and the lack of

change it would bring.

Warden Murray Fearrey brought up the idea of looking into the model of contracting police, which might result in the county having more input.

Councillor Dave Burton said that contracting police means it is overseen by a police board.

Busy year at area libraries

County library branches experienced another busy year, as county librarian Bessie Sullivan reported to council.

Sullivan presented her 2014 annual report, which showed a two per cent increase in circulation. It also saw some major projects undertaken in the past year, including the construction of a new branch in Wilberforce.

One area that continues to be a struggle for the libraries is not enough capacity when it comes to computers and the Internet, said Sullivan.

You can find a full copy of the report on the agenda for the April 29 meeting of county council.

County will need to follow up, Fearrey says

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"The report confirmed what I have heard from constituents and municipalities who use these roads on a daily basis," Scott said following the release of the document. "Ensuring our roads are as safe as possible during the winter driving season is one of the fundamental responsibilities of the Ministry of Transportation. This is not just about poor service; it is about people's safety on our roads. These contracts fail to adequately maintain our provincial highways and need to be re-evaluated by the minister. I will continue to push the Ministry of Transportation to rectify this very serious issue."

The auditor general's report includes a list of recommendations for the ministry, everything from ensuring contractors actually have a sufficient quantity of equipment to re-establishing cost-sharing arrangement so contractors must use more salt and sand. It recommends providing detail on what quantities of which material should be used and instituting an improved oversight and reporting system.

"The ministry will act on all of the recommendations in the report and expects to have many of the recommendations in place for the 2015/16 winter season," MTO spokesman Bob Nichols wrote in an email.

"An action plan will be provided to the public in 60 days. Based on an internal review in 2013, MTO has already taken action. For example, this past winter the ministry worked with contractors to deploy 50 additional pieces of winter maintenance equipment in southern Ontario to clear most freeway ramps and shoulders more quickly. In winter 2013/14, an additional 55 pieces of equipment were deployed to more frequently plow passing lanes and truck climbing lanes. Forty-two of the 55 pieces of equipment were deployed in northern Ontario. MTO also added 20 new inspectors to provide more on-the-ground oversight of contractors during winter storms. These positions allows the ministry to better manage our maintenance contacts and verify that contractors are meeting their performance requirements."

Following the release of the report, transportation minister Steven Del Duca said, "As a ministry, we have a lot of work to do. But so do our contractors. I will be meeting with them in person as soon as possible to determine how we can work together to improve this program and their performance."

This past winter was the third year in a decade-long, \$11.9-million contract between the province and Carillion for the Huntsville district.

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Highways to hell

ONTARIANS MAY complain that their electricity bills are killing them, but winter conditions on provincial highways are *actually* killing them.

Last week, the auditor general released a report on winter highway maintenance by the province and it is disturbing.

Its conclusion is that the provincial government is putting public safety at risk for the sake of savings on highway maintenance.

This will come as no shock to residents of Haliburton County, confirming what we've known empirically for the past three winters as we've watched the quality of snow removal on highways 35 and 118 devolve to dangerous.

It's also clear that we are not alone, with residents throughout Ontario experiencing a similar decline under what the provincial government has dubbed "performance-based" contracting.

"Performance-based," by the way, is pronounced, "cheapest bid wins regardless of an adequate amount of equipment or ability to actually do the job."

And the government has been able to get tenders for cheap after its 2009 overhaul of the process that eased regulations, weakened oversight and left way too much autonomy with contractors themselves.

While they had existed previously, there are now no rules or even guidelines for how much sand, salt or anti-icing liquid is to be used in the winter maintenance of provincial highways. It's just up to the contractors and obviously using less of these materials means they can do the work cheaper and pass those savings along to the province.

There used to exist cost-sharing agreements whereby contractors had to financially reimburse the province if they failed to use a minimum amount of materials. Those agreements were also removed under "performance-based" contracting, allowing – or is that encouraging? – contractors to use less material.

Another corner-cutting measure was the lengthening of circuit times, allowing snow plows to do fewer passes in a day.

This has resulted in a more than doubling of the average time it takes contractors get

highways back to "bare pavement" following a snowstorm, that time span growing from 2.1 hours in 2009 to 4.7 hours by 2014.

On top of that, regulations for snow-clearing during snowstorms themselves were eased, repealing the need for plowing along shoulders, passing lanes and intersection ramps.

At this point, you may want to take a second to breathe and calm down. If you're not infuriated, please check for your pulse.

The auditor general's report also found that there is an "over-reliance" on information from the contractors themselves in the flawed oversight process conducted by ministry-employed auditors.

So when the province tells, say, a newspaper that Carillion is meeting the minimum standards for winter highway maintenance, what it really means is that, according to Carillion, Carillion is meeting the minimum standards for winter highway maintenance.

The most disturbing sentence of the report reads that, "the ministry also acknowledges that, based on preliminary information, there was an increase in the number of deaths on Ontario highways

in 2013 where snow, slush or ice was a factor." There have been more than 200 claims made against the province and so far it has paid out more than \$8 million in the settlement of 23 claims.

What has happened here surpasses deplorable. It is disgusting. We're talking about people's lives.

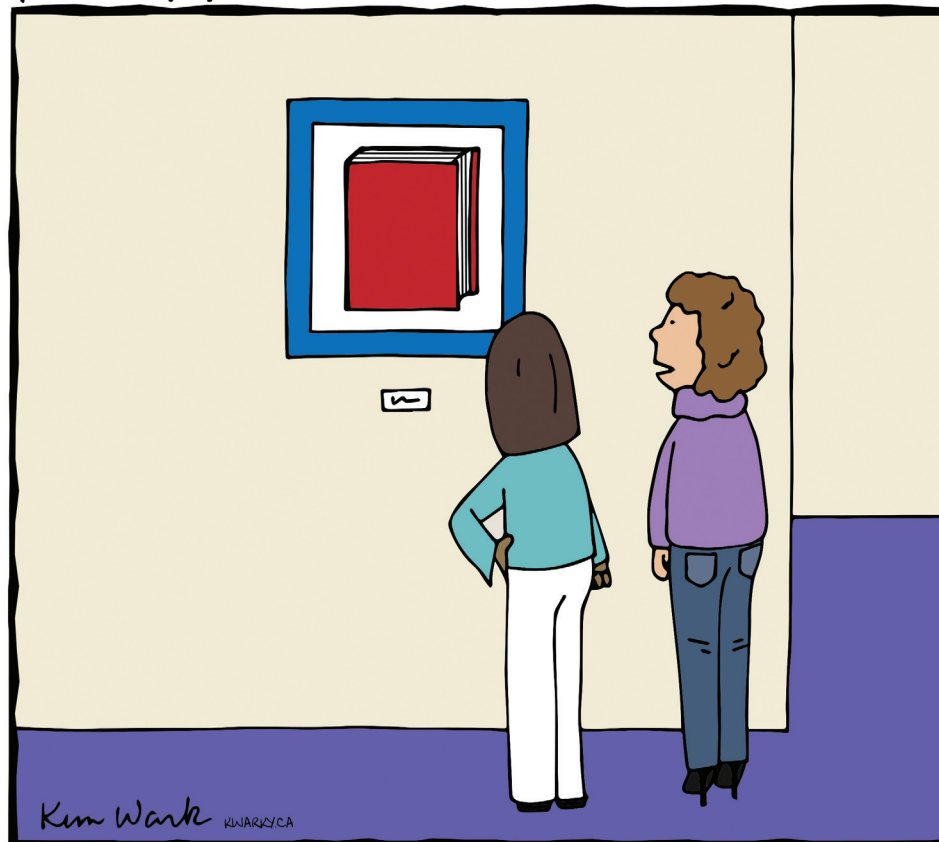
The auditor general has made a series of recommendations and the MTO says it plans to heed all of them.

Unless it wants a litany of lawsuits to continue, it had better.

What has taken place is blatantly unacceptable and if there is not noticeable improvement in the quality of winter highway maintenance when the first snow falls later this year, then transportation minister Steven Del Duca and Premier Kathleen Wynne both need to resign.

Either that or come for a winter drive on Highway 35.

At least the former won't kill them.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter**KWARKY**

Kim Wark KWARKY/CA

"AM I SUPPOSED TO READ INTO THIS?"

Dogs and babies: a bad mix

YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T know this about me, but I think two of the greatest things in the world are dogs and babies. Both always make me smile.

So why then am I so uncomfortable with a news story about a dog who purportedly taught a baby to crawl? It seems harmless enough. In the accompanying video, a very well-behaved dog crawls in front of a baby several times in what is apparently an effort to teach the concept. And it appears to work too.

I have no problem with that; it's quite cute in fact.

What worries me is where it goes from here. If my own dogs are any indication at all, this could be really bad for the baby's development. And embarrassing for the parents too.

Let me tell you, the chewed up slippers are the least of it.

This should come as no surprise to anyone. Dogs, though I think the world of them, are not exactly good role models for babies.

Sure, no one can teach blind loyalty and devotion like a good dog. And yes, a baby that could point and retrieve birds is one that would make any father proud.

But there is a high price to pay for all of this.

For one thing, aside from throwing around a Frisbee, the visits to the park and the daily walks might not be all that enjoyable. Changing diapers is bad enough but pooping and scooping after a baby that has just started on solid foods? Sorry, that's not my idea of a good time.

Would that be a fair price to pay for a baby who could also run rabbits? Of course

it wouldn't. The kid would also have to be able to trail deer or tree bears to make it even close to fair.

We are not meant to learn much from dogs. That's why we carry the leash and they wear the collar.

Dogs, after all, have limited intelligence. All they do is eat, sleep, go for walks, lay around the house and greet us when we come home from work. They take us for walks and watch as we pick up the "packages" they leave behind.

OK, maybe they are not as stupid as I thought. But they do have bad habits you certainly don't want your baby to pick up on.

It would be bad enough to have your baby bark at everyone who comes to the door. But how do you explain to the child psychologist why your little darling can't help treeing squirrels or chasing cats and cars? Or rolling in putrid messes, biting the mail man or sniffing other kids' butts

every time they meet for a play day?

Then there is the issue of trying to get your child to keep his or her head inside the window on every car ride. And do you really want your child to think it's OK to hump someone's leg or round up sheep on neighbouring farms? I didn't think so.

The point is dogs are easily conditioned and far less complex than humans. That's why Pavlov was able to make them salivate every time he rang a bell, which, if you think about it, is the worst trick ever.

On the plus side, I suppose if the dog was a good teacher your kid would eventually grow to be the leader of the pack.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Breaking bones

IDON'T GET OUT MUCH. I did this week, however, and both times it was with Liam Neeson. It was exhausting. Everywhere the man goes, pandemonium breaks out.

My dates with Liam involved his latest movies: *Taken 3* and *Run All Night*. They left me wondering what happened to the gentle giant famous for saying of himself: "It takes a lot to get me riled."

Riled? In these two movies the man crumples more noses and snaps more bones than John Wayne and Charles Bronson did in their pugnacious careers combined.

In *Taken 3*, Neeson is ex-covert operative Bryan Mills who is accused of slitting the throat of his ex wife. He sets out to find the real killers and to protect the last important thing in his life – his daughter. Saving daughters from thugs and sex slavers, using hand-to-hand combat and Glock semi-automatics, is the theme of all three *Taken* movies.

In *Run All Night* he is Jimmy Conlon, Brooklyn hit man who must save a son, instead of a daughter, from the mob. As it turns out, saving daughters or sons produces equal amounts of mayhem. Many bad guys get killed, and the resulting property damage is enough to bankrupt the filthy rich North American insurance industry.

The car chases are especially fast and violent thanks to special effects made crazy by computerization gone wild. I believe I saw one speeding car smash into a very large steel dumpster and send it flying five city blocks through the air.

I'm not impressed by car chases. I guess it's because back in 1968 I saw the best motion picture car chase ever. An epic battle between the world's two greatest muscle cars!

That was when Steve McQueen, the coolest guy ever, chases a Dodge Charger through undulating streets of San Francisco. McQueen's Mustang GT forces the Charger off the road and into a gas station where it explodes into flames, frying the two bad guys inside.

Another reason wild car antics no longer impress me is because I get to see them almost every day on our roads. At least in the movies the people behind the wheel know how to drive.

Meanwhile, how to explain Liam's late-life transformation from mild-mannered, serious actor to wrathful man intent on ramming his ham-like fist down every bad guy's throat?

Well, he has the real-life background for it. He was born and raised in Northern Ireland where his mother was a cook in a convent and his dad was a caretaker. He boxed from age nine until into his teens and he won the Irish Youth Championship. (He also was an altar boy.

He became a forklift driver for the Guinness beer company before getting involved in theatre, where he played Shakespearean roles. His career blossomed with major roles in serious films, including *The Bounty*, *The Mission*, *Michael Collins*, *Ethan Frome*, and *Schindler's List*.

His new career as an action hero is a surprise, even to him. It follows personal tragedy. His wife Natasha Richardson died in 2009 after a skiing accident in Quebec. Neeson began drinking heavily (Pinot Noir wine exclusively) but quit about two years ago.

He did the first *Taken* back in 2008 because he said he wanted to do the physical stuff that no one expected of him. He believed that movie would go straight to video release and was stunned when it became a major box office hit.

"I was a tiny bit embarrassed by it, a tiny bit, but then people started sending me action scripts," he told an interviewer a while back.

So the mild-mannered serious actor who loves fly-fishing turned into a human wrecking ball. He has the size for it: six foot-four inches tall, 225 pounds.

But he is getting to that age when the bones you break usually are your own. He turns 63 next month, which is a bit long in the tooth for body slams and dodging 9 mm slugs.

Maybe not. Maybe it's just me getting too old to watch that kind of stuff.

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An unhappy welcome to cottagers

To the Editor,

Spring is upon us and the cottagers have returned.

Seems the "welcome" sign hanging at our cottage was misinterpreted.

It did not say you are welcome to take my barbecue and ladder.

So to the thief who felt they could steal it, you were not welcome to do so.

If by chance you noticed late last fall a slightly

used Weber Spirit E210 barbecue appear, it could be mine, and I would be happy to identify it.

As for the ladder, this is the second time you have helped yourself to taking ours.

Now we have no choice but to install cameras; sad, don't you think.

Welcome back fellow cottagers ... take a good look and see if anything is missing as the thief may have made their way to your place.

Peggy and Brent Cuff

letters to the editor

Seeking First Nations stories

To the Editor,

Several years ago I organized a big family reunion. I had done the family tree earlier with my father who was able to pass on the stories he had grown up with. Names and dates came alive in an appreciation of a culture and community. But I gradually became aware that this culture had pushed out another culture. I needed to know more. Certainly my previous education was sorely lacking a most essential chapter.

What may have been lost or intentionally omitted in the family history was my great-grandmother's origin. She was from the Rice Lake area where there are two First Nations reserves, Hiawatha and Alderville. (Marrying a white man a woman would have lost her status as would her children.)

Looking at my grandfather, his brothers and sisters, my father and my brothers, clues are there. High cheekbones, very dark abundant hair, no baldness, hairless bodies, deep dark eyes and olive complexions. Their deep summer tans so beautiful. (My daughter and my granddaughter too).

I talked to two of my cousins, a whole piece of their lives fell into place. Oh yes, of course, why didn't we know this? And yes, something in me does know. Wow!

I am driven to know more of First Nations cultures. I visit with Murray Whetung of Curve Lake Reserve. He and his family welcome me with twinkling eyes, humour and grace (reminds me of

my father). They share, I soak up every crumb. I am thirsty to know.

I read everything I can find, *The Inconvenient Indian*, *The Comeback* and others so I can try and understand some of that culture.....10,000 years of living on Turtle Island (North America) leaving barely a trace.

The empire builders descend. Culture meets culture. At first the European relies upon the First Peoples for their very existence (how to keep from freezing and starving), then trading until cooperation got in the way of progress. The culture became inconvenient and needed to be eradicated. Where once nature was one now dominance rose at every turn. Seven generations of attempted assimilation of a once proud culture followed.

The eighth generation rises now with knowledge, pride and courage and I am encouraged to believe our environment may be once again treasured as our home, cared for, nurtured back to health and more.

Question: How do cultures coexist in respect and the knowledge that we need to work together for the very essentials of life to continue on this planet?

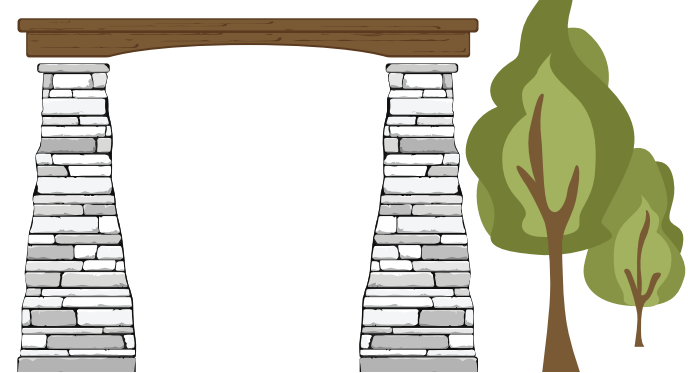
This year the Heritage Exhibit at the Kinmount Fair Sept. 4 to 6 is featuring First Peoples (Anishnaabe). Do you want your story told too? Please contact jmacdonald11@bell.net.

Nancy Thurston

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This Week In...

When a newspaper has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The *Times* office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the *Minden Progress*. It took the name the *Times* in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the May 7, 1990 issue:

One-hundred twenty-five workers of the former G.W. Martin Lumber await their fate, as the MNR decides whether to approve an application to transfer Martin's Crown timber rights to Robert Bury and Company, which purchased the Harcourt sawmill. County Warden Don Shortreed had met with minister Lyn McLeod in Toronto and was feeling optimistic.

Minden Reeve Ray Moore wrote a letter to the editor defending his position to relocate Haliburton County's offices from Minden's Newcastle Street to the Allsaw flats, following a *Times* editorial bashing the idea the week before. "I can only suggest the *Times* editorial staff

look at alternatives – it's your future as well – or accept the elected county council decision." An editorial cartoon on the facing page depicted a politician entering a helicopter on the roof of the county's fictional Allsaw offices, with the caption, "Quick! Take me to the bathroom."

Carol Moffatt reports that a new youth organization – called the Soda Club – will meet at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall on Friday evenings. Activities for the group included basketball and ping pong.

From the May 6, 2005 issue:

Minden Hills council passes the 2005 budget, with a nearly five per cent tax increase. A new CUPE contract, an addition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and a renovation at the township office were responsible for a large portion of the increase. There was also required roads work that couldn't wait.

Tourism and recreation minister Jim Bradley visits Haliburton County, giving a talk at Camp Wanakita. His speech was part of an Ontario Trails Council awards ceremony held at the camp. County residents Peter and Margaret Brogden, Barrie Martin and the Haliburton County ATV Association all received awards for their contributions to trails networks.

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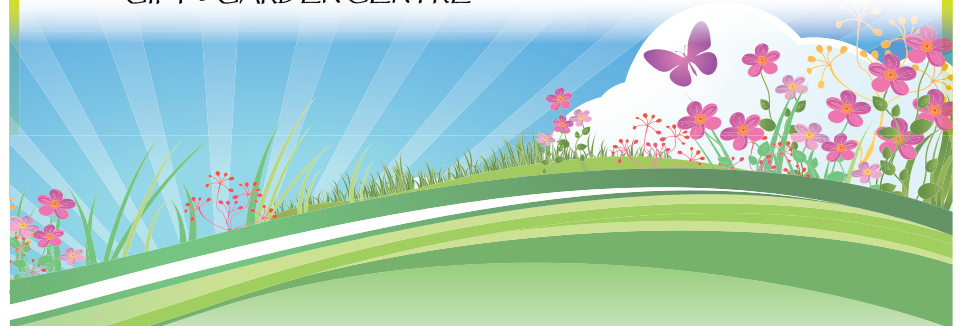
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Minden Hills council decision affecting local clubs

To the Editor,

Many local clubs and not-for-profit organizations need a place to meet. There are only a few such venues in the Minden area, one of them is the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. It's a comfortable room that could house up to about 40 people, but is really suited for groups of 20 or 25 or so. A decision has forced the centre (which is administered by the town) to quadruple their price for rental of the room. As a result, virtually ALL of the clubs that were using that facility have been forced to find another place to meet. Apparently the town has decided that janitorial staff have to be present during the meetings and after-hours meetings are even more expensive.

As an example, the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club, which was paying \$40 for the room rental for an evening, would now be

faced with a \$160 bill... far beyond their budget. None of the other meeting facilities in town charge anywhere near that price (except for the town-administered community centre which is a much bigger facility). The Camera Club, which meets alternate months in Minden and Haliburton, will now meet at the Lions Club hall just down the road, for a far more reasonable rental fee (meetings are the third Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m., everyone welcome at no charge, details at www.highlandscameraclub.ca).

This hurts local clubs and not-for-profits. It also hurts the cultural centre which will now sit empty. Even the staff at the centre agree that this price is unreasonable. The council needs to re-examine this decision.

Glenn Springer

Unintended consequences of war

To the Editor,

War is a very expensive business with outcomes that usually end up being quite different than what was hoped for. If anyone thinks that we can bring democracy to the Middle-East by our military intervention they are sadly mistaken. Iraq, Syria and Libya and other countries in the area have a long history of strong-man dictatorships that hold together a nation with a number of tribal groups with little allegiance to the country as a whole. The present strength of the ISIS in Iraq and Libya is the direct consequence of prior wars that the West launched with the idea of "regime change."

George W. Bush launched a war to oust Saddam Hussein based on the false propaganda that he supported Al Qaeda and was developing nuclear weapons. Democracy was to be brought to the Middle East. The dictator is now gone and out of the power vacuum what happened? Instead of a new Iraqi democracy the unintended outcome of the American launched war is a country in chaos with an Shiite led government with close ties to Iran and the birth of

an Islamic Caliphate run by head chopping maniacs that represent Sunni tribes. Meanwhile the Arab Spring in Egypt was snuffed out with a new military dictatorship ousting an elected government that was seen as too Islamic.

Stephen Harper thought we were doing the people of Libya a favour when Canada intervened in the civil war to oust dictator Moammar Gaddafi who controlled the country for 40 years. The result: ISIS took advantage of the power vacuum and now controls eastern Libya and the Egyptian army is presently preparing to invade the country. Now in Iraq and Syria we are faced with intervening again to battle ISIS and what will be the result of our intervention? Our government is actually going to help Syrian dictator and mass murderer Bashar Al-Assad to battle ISIS in his country which is presently in a civil war. It is chaos. ISIS must be opposed but don't be surprised if we have some unintended consequences.

Larry Bukta
Minden

Motorcycle Awareness Week

The first full week in May has been proclaimed by the Province as Motorcycle Awareness Week. Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind motorists to be extra aware of motorcycles during this time of the year. Motorcycle riders have been waiting all winter to bring out their bikes and the warm weather is here.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP would like to offer a few safety tips to assist both riders and non-riders:

Motorcycle Riders:

- Dress to be seen and protected. Most riders wear approved helmets, gloves and jackets; consider wearing bright colours that are easily seen by other motorists.
- Slow Down. Driving at or near the posted speed limit will give the rider extra time to react to a situation on the roadway.
- Drive Defensively. Assume other motorist don't see you. Get eye contact with vehicles that might pull out in front of you.
- Take it to the track. The street is no place to test the limits of your sport bike. Take a lesson at a local race track or sign up for a track day.
- Passenger Vehicles:
- Look twice, at intersections and when changing lanes. Motorcycles are small and easy to lose in a blind spot. It is also easy to misjudge the speed of an approaching motorcycle.
- Back off. Having a rear end collision with a car is one thing, but having one with a motorcycle could have fatal consequences.
- Give them room. Leave yourself time to react when motorcycles are around. If a rider were to fall off, could you avoid the downed rider?
- Let them swerve. Motorcyclists will often be active in their own lane. Many times moving, to avoid pot holes or road-kill. Hitting any of these could cause an issue for the rider.

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Natural heritage study proposed for Rail Trail

by **ANGELICA BLENICH**
Times Staff

Councillors were presented with a new initiative for the Haliburton County Rail Trail, a corridor that was once where the county's railway ran.

At the April 29 meeting of county council, Pamela Marsales made a delegation requesting support to spearhead a natural heritage study of the HCRT.

A collaborative project, the study would be done by a committee that includes U-Links director Emma Horrigan, ecologist Paul Heaven, Ed Poropat, Don Smith and Marsales.

The idea is to create a database of information of habitat types and species on the Rail Trail, which can be updated over the years, Marsales said in her report to council.

"It will encourage residents and travellers interested in nature to visit the Rail Trail with a better understanding of what to look for," she said.

Funded through grant opportunities, the project would appeal to a wide audience, including field naturalists and cyclists, said Marsales, who was looking for support in principle to move forward with the planning stages.

"How do you factor in motorized vehicles?" asked Warden Murray Fearrey, referring to a long-standing divide between motorized and non-motorized users of the trail.

Marsales said the project wasn't going to include them however it wasn't about bring-

ing up old issues of the past and that she's long moved on from that debate.

"I'm trying to focus on positive projects now," she said. "This has nothing to do with dredging up old conflicts, I'm past that."

Councillors were very skeptical of the location chosen for a study of this kind, with Councillor Suzanne Partridge worried it would see degradation on a very established trail.

Councillor Brent Devolin was uncomfortable with the project's non-inclusiveness and wanted to see motorized users be part of it.

"They have done equally good work," he said. "I'm fully supportive of what you're doing, I just want people to know that motorized vehicles are not going away."

Marsales echoed her earlier sentiments that the project was not about old conflicts but about bringing back pride and interest in the trail.

"If you want this trail to truly be multi-use then you should allow this," she said. "People have stopped using the Rail Trail."

Councillor Carol Moffatt said while she loved the idea of the project she too did not want to see it on the Rail Trail.

Apart from motorized vehicles, another area of concern was creating a brochure or map pinpointing species at risk or unique species on the trail, resulting in a disruption to the natural habitat.

Marsales said whatever material came from the project would not include specific locations, more of a general overview.

Roads director Doug Ray said a database of information regarding Rail Trail species

already existed, however it is not available to the public.

Tourism director Amanda Virtanen said she wasn't sure how the project would fit in with the county's tourism objectives and how

she could market it.

Councillors passed a resolution to accept Marsales's report and discuss it at the next tourism committee meeting.



Family fun at the Hatchery

Fourteen-year-old Ben Wruth has no difficulty shooting a Bear bow at the Family Fun Day hosted by the HHOA at the Fish Hatchery on May 2. Volunteers gave tips and lessons on how to shoot different styles of bows. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

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Victory parade

Proud fans and parents lined Bobcaygeon Road on Sunday, May 3 to cheer on players from the Highland Storm Peewee hockey team and Midget girls hockey team as they rode on a flatbed truck provided by Tom Prentice. The parade through Minden Village was to celebrate both teams winning the all Ontario championship title this past winter. The teams also rode through Haliburton earlier that same day. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



Trails riders get \$10k from federal government

Local MP Barry Devolin announced \$10,000 to the Haliburton Trail Riders.

The money will be used to rehabilitate a series of trails as part of the Haliburton Trail Riders - Somerville Trails Improvement Project. The funding will allow residents and visitors alike to fully experience the outdoors and appreciate this area's natural beauty.

Canada has a vast network of recreational trails which allow Thanks to a partnership between the Government of Canada and the National Trails Coalition, \$10 million has been made available between 2014 and 2016 to help expand and rehabilitate Canada's snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle and non-motorized trail system.

"Our government is pleased to support the Haliburton Trail Riders as part of our efforts to expand and improve recreational and multi-purpose trails across the country," said Devolin. "By investing in trail infrastructure, our Government is encouraging job creation, linking communities and increasing recreational opportunities for Canadians. Through this commitment, we are continuing to support economic growth from coast to coast while ensuring that Canadian communities remain among the best in the world to live."

The health benefits of an active lifestyle cannot be overstated; physical fitness, community recreation and quality of life go hand-in-hand," said Devolin. "By supporting projects like the

Somerville Trails Improvement Project, our government is demonstrating its commitment to the health and well-being of Canadians."

"The National Trails Coalition was founded in the belief that trail users and volunteer trail builders/managers can achieve much more working collaboratively and supporting each other's goals," said Jo-Anne Farquhar, President of the National Trails Coalition Board of Directors. "These additional funds will ensure the revitalization of recreational trails across our country and provide individuals and families with the opportunity to enjoy quality outdoor infrastructure and continue to live active and healthy lives."

"Thanks to the support of the Federal Government, local groups have once again been able to apply for project grant money, said Kirk Holden, President of the Haliburton Trail Riders, an off road motorcycle club. "We will be able to use that money to positively improve the trail system in our community."

Combined with the federal funds, the Haliburton Trail Riders and the City of Kawartha Lakes each contributed \$5,000 toward this project. In addition, 300 volunteer hours are expected to be donated as well.

To learn more about the National Recreational Trails Program, visit:

<http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/prog/nrtp-psrn-eng.html>.

Submitted

Pan Am whitewater tickets sold out

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills residents hoping to take in the whitewater canoe and kayak events during this summer's Pan Am Games had better have tickets already, because no more are available.

The whitewater events for the 2015 Pan Am Games will take place at the Minden Wild Water Preserve on July 18 and 19 and are sold out.

"All available tickets for canoe-kayak-slalom were snapped up during the lottery phase of ticket sales in September, 2014," a media rep for the games told the paper. "All tickets were made available to the general public."

The games organization didn't have information available on how many tickets had been sold for the events.

The torch relay for the games will pass through Minden on June 4. Local health promoter Sue Shikaze has been chosen as the torchbearer for Minden Hills.

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Home Hardware changes things up

Minden Home Hardware has just completed an extensive renovation, opening up the space inside to provide a better shopping experience for customers.

“We’ve been planning this for a couple of years,” says Jodi Paterson, who owns the store with Dave Staley. “It needed a facelift.”

Since October, the owners and staff have been busy changing things up, re-vamping the back and main sections of the 28,000-square-foot store on Highway 35 in Minden.

Now, there are two “power aisles,” which allow for skids of products to be dropped off and allow customers to navigate the space more easily. Similar products are now displayed together, like the bath and kitchen sections.

Staley and Paterson bought Home Hardware more than a decade ago, in February of 2005. Some of the changes made this year have been in the back of their mind since Day 1.

Paterson says the products at Home

Hardware have changed over time, as they continued to strive to meet needs in the local market.

For example, in response to competition, they have cut back on automotive supplies and have ramped up their specialties including lumber, flooring and mouldings. They also have a whole row of window coverings – something no one else sells in town.

“We’ve already had good customer feedback about what we’ve done,” says Paterson, who made sure to mention store manager Duane Pratt has done substantial work on the renovations.

“They say it feels like it’s bigger, feels a lot clearer.”

While some sections have moved around, other things have stayed the same such as the lumber desk and rental centre.

The store also continues to focus on greeting every visitor with a helpful smile.

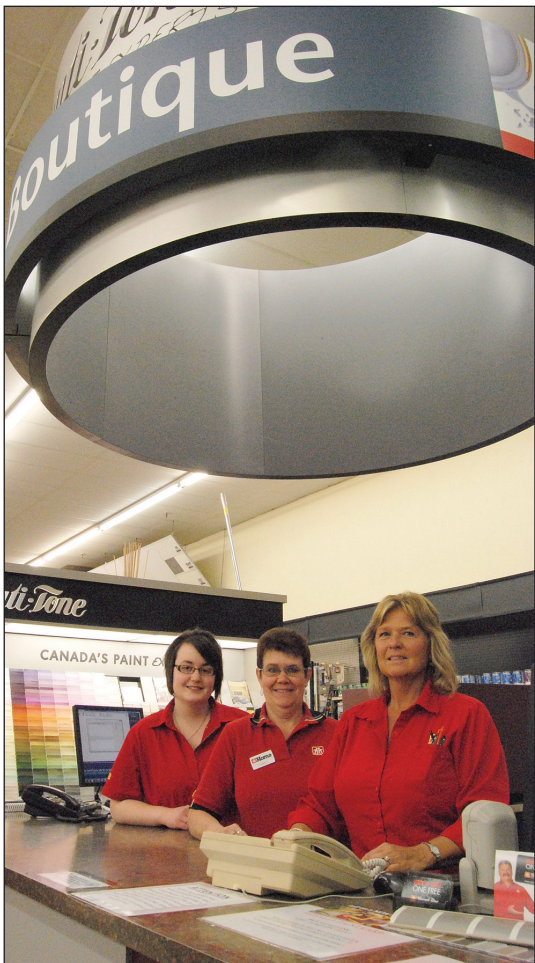
“We’re big on small town customer service,” she says.



Home Hardware kitchen sales staff Carol Bellefeuille takes care of the kitchen and bath section.



Two new power aisles have been created in Home Hardware in Minden, which allow for skids of product to be dropped off and create easy pathways to other parts of the store.



One of the renovations at Home Hardware in Minden includes new desk for paint and supplies. From left, paint department staff Brittany Kent, supervisor Sherry Stromberg and owner Jodi Paterson.

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES – PALLIATIVE CARE ADDITION PROJECT PREQUALIFICATION INVITATION

General Contractors are invited to submit PRE-QUALIFICATION information for the proposed Palliative Care addition to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Haliburton Hospital. The project’s scope of work includes a new wood structure addition, slab on grade, finishing, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, landscape and civil works.

Estimated construction value is \$700,000. The addition gross floor area is approximately 1,300 ft².

General Contractors who wish to be considered for pre-qualification to bid on this project must submit the following information by mail/courier complete with a combined electronic copy (on CD or USB in .pdf format), or sent as an electronic transmission (in a combined .pdf format file not exceeding 10MB) to the Architect:

1. Completed Canadian Standard Form of Contractor’s Qualification Statement (CCDC Form 11).
2. Current Certificate of Clearance from WSIB and CAD-7 Certificate indicating injury frequency in the past five (5) years.
3. Description of experience with projects of similar size and type completed in a healthcare environment within the last five (5) years.
4. Letters of reference from two (2) recent clients. (Note: Owner and Consultant reserve the right to check references).
5. Resumes of supervisory personnel who would be assigned to this project.
6. Written verification from a recognized Surety Company that they will issue the applicant a 10% Bid Bond, and 50% Performance, Labour and Materials Bonds, if awarded the contract.
7. Written verification of liability insurance including limits of liability.
8. Written Bank verification of credit to undertake this project.
9. A letter authorizing HHHS to verify credit reference from their Bank, Surety Company and Insurance Carrier. Acceptable references are a prerequisite to pre-qualification.

Pre-qualified General Contractors will be invited to submit offers to perform the work associated with this project. No more than seven (7) pre-qualified General Contractors will be considered. Sub-contractors are not pre-qualified. General Contractors shall receive all sub-trade prices and incorporate these into a Stipulated Sum offer. No contractual relationship is intended nor implied to exist directly with the Owner as a result of the pre-qualification of sub-contractors by the Owner.

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Submissions are to be clearly labeled as “Prequalification Submission for HHHS – Haliburton Hospital Palliative Care Addition” and must be received at Salter Pilon Architecture Inc.’s office or via email at the address indicated below no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2015. Late submissions will be returned unopened. Please direct questions to: Mr. Ryan Stitt 705-737-3530 or rstitt@salterpilon.com. For early submission, if you have not received a confirmation of receipt by Wednesday May 27th please contact.

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Moffatt 'pleased with outcome'

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"It's been rescinded," Hicks said, repeating the allegations against him were without merit. "The charges have been withdrawn."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt told the *Times* the charges against Hicks were dropped after he agreed to repay the amount of the alleged theft.

"He agreed to pay restitution in exchange for the charges being withdrawn," Moffatt said.

The amount paid to the township was \$1,032.06, which Moffatt said was money the township had paid to its own tenants after their airplanes were removed from their hangars.

"We're pleased with the outcome," Moffatt said. "It wasn't a lot of money, but it was a thousand dollars of taxpayers' money we were able to put back in the system."

Hicks told the paper he had no further comment on the matter.

On Hicks, a media spokesperson for the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General confirmed to the paper, "there are no future court dates or criminal charges showing for his name at any court location in Ontario."

The OPP was unable to provide an update.



Voices raised in song

Sheri Hawkins belts out a note during *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* at the fourth annual Haliburton Hootenany held at The Dominion Hotel on Saturday May 2 in support of Places for People. The organization aimed at provided affordable housing finished its last project in Minden in April 2014 and is planning for what's coming next. To date Places for People has transformed three properties into five housing units for local families and individuals. The Hootenany featured a variety of musicians including Jeff Moulton, Albert Saxby and Chad Ingram. The event raised about \$2,000.

Photos by Angelica Blenich



Places for People board member Fay Martin, left, picks out a winning ticket with the help of MC Jack Brezina.



Local musician Jeff Moulton croons at the fundraiser, which raised funds for affordable housing projects throughout Haliburton County.



From left, musicians Alex MacIntosh, Tim Tofflemire and Chad Ingram closed out the night at the Haliburton Hootenany on May 2. The trio performed songs such as *Rip Tide*, *Cheating Heart* and *Someone New* at the fundraiser for Places for People.

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Dorset Community Policing discontinued

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Here is a recent announcement from the Dorset Community Policing Committee: "It is with deep regret that we announce the discontinuation of operations of the Dorset Community Policing Committee.

"Our membership has dwindled alarmingly and those who are left, are not able to carry on in a productive way. We have been in operation for almost 25 years and have committed substantially to the community of Dorset and surrounding area.

"In order that the OPP can maintain its presence in our village, it is extremely important to keep the CPC office accessible and usable 24/7.

"By keeping it supplied as we have done over the years, the office makes a welcome stop-over for the officers. Our present funds should provide this service for another few years.

After that, hopefully the township will provide the funding to continue this service.

"I would like to thank all our members for their interest and dedication to the CPC over the years, thus making it one of the most successful community policing groups in the province, or at least southern Ontario.

"Hopefully in the not too distant future, someone will see the importance of this service and restart the organization." -From co-chairs, Doug Rogers and Bill Giddins.

There are still four weeks of Dorset Indoor Soccer left for boys and girls ages four to 13. Indoor soccer takes place on Thursday evenings at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information or to register please email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

There is a new yoga class taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Join Caitlin Hutt for a class that is appropriate for everyone, whether they are an avid yogi or are brand new to the practice. If you can breathe, you can do yoga! Please bring your own mat if you have one. Caitlin can be reached by phone at 647.299.2206 or via email at caitlinhutt1@gmail.com. Please don't hesitate to contact her with any questions.

After 15 years of dance training followed by 3 years of George Brown's Theatre School, Caitlin's interest in the artful expression of the body led her to Ahimsa's Yoga Teacher Training program. Her studies have extended across the globe including practicing karma yoga at various retreat centres throughout Spain, walking the Camino de Santiago and spending time at Thich Nhat Hanh's Plum Village buddhist monastery in southern France. Most recently she has studied Ayurvedic medicine at the Kairali Hospital in Kerala, India. Caitlin combines all she has learned on her travels with her studies at Ahimsa. Her classes aim to challenge the body and mind in a safe, open and playful environment.

Birthday wishes for May 3 to 9 go out to McKenzie Drinkwater, Craig Woods, Shallon Dukoff, Jasmine Dukoff and Kayla Leslie. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Male driver charged with stunt driving

On Friday, May 1, at approximately 4:18 p.m. an officer from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was conducting traffic enforcement on Highway 118 in the Township of Minden Hills.

The officer observed the driver of a white pickup travelling at a high rate speed and as a result was stopped for "Stunt Driving"

A 38-year-old man from Milton has been charged with Race a Motor Vehicle, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act (HTA). The vehicle he was driving was impounded, and his

driver's licence was seized and suspended for 7 days, under the stunt driving legislation.

Speeding more than 50km/h over posted speed limit is considered stunt racing. Stunt driving was added to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act in 2007. The penalties for stunt driving also include a fine between \$2,000 and \$10,000 dollars, possible drivers' license suspension up to two years on first conviction.

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May 9 is Prescription Drug Drop Off Day

Prescription medications can be misused in ways not intended by the physician who prescribes them. In an effort to help keep drugs out of the wrong hands, the Ontario Provincial Police will be supporting the Prescription Drug Drop Off Day by participating in the collection of unused or expired prescription medications.

Police and health agencies in communities across the province will work together on Saturday, May 9 to encourage residents to dispose of unused and expired prescription medication in a secure and environmentally-friendly manner.

The OPP will be making several sites available for residents to simply drop off unwanted prescription medications for disposal on Saturday, May 9 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. For a complete list of OPP locations where

you can safely drop off your meds, go to <http://www.opp.ca/media/rx-drop-2015.pdf>

We see results when police work together with communities, health agencies and the citizens of this province, working together mobilizing for community safety and well-being. Police would like to remind the public that all pharmacies in Ontario will accept your unused prescriptions anytime.

Haliburton Highlands OPP prescription drug drop-off location will be on May 9 at OPP Community Services Office Parking lot located at 14072 Highway 118 in Dysart et al between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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Highland Storm Minor Hockey will be having spring registration again this year. Due to rising costs the registration is going up for the first time in years. We will have registration forms available the nights of registration.

**The dates to register are as follows: Tues, May 12th and Thurs, May 14th from 7-9pm at the Minden Arena.
Tues, May 19th and Thurs, May 21st from 7-9pm at the Haliburton Arena.**

You must register on one of these dates in order to receive the early bird rate. Which is a savings of a \$100.00.

Don't forget about the great programs that are available such as the "Canadian Tire Jumpstart" program. Also, this year the "NHLPA Goals and Dreams" program has generously donated 50 sets of hockey equipment to Highland Storm. This equipment is available to any player who registers to a County league or OMHA Rep team and meets the requirements of the application. Both these programs are for children who want to play organized hockey but their families have difficulty with the cost. Please download the Goals and Dreams application from the website, highlandstorm.org under the heading (Documents and Forms) and send to Bruce Griffith. Or call him directly for more info at 705-457-4578. We will also have forms available for both programs at the registration. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you, Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association.



Fundraiser to help earthquake victims

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A buffet breakfast at the Minden Legion on the May long weekend will raise money for victims of the Nepal earthquake. The death toll from the April 25, 7.8-magnitude quake was more than 7,000 as of May 5 and at least twice as many people have been injured.

Organized by Lee and Malcolm MacLean, money from the breakfast will go to global organization ShelterBox, which provides survival kits to victims of disaster.

“In the aftermath of a disaster, they send boxes tailor-made

to that disaster,” Malcolm explains.

Boxes sent to earthquake victims in Nepal will include family tents, water purification equipment, thermal blankets, cooking utensils and activity kits for children.

ShelterBox is a partner organization of Rotary International. “Originally, I saw an email from Rotary International saying anything local clubs could do would be appreciated,” Malcolm says.

The breakfast – which will be held at the Minden Legion from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 – is a joint effort of the Minden Rotary Club, the Legion and Canoe FM.

“I always like these groups to work together,” Malcolm says. “It creates a synergy that a single club can’t create by itself.”

He stresses that international fundraisers need not take away from other fundraising campaigns for local projects.

“This is complementary, it doesn’t detract,” Malcolm says. “You can’t value one life, whether it’s local or not, over another life.”

Breakfast will include all the goodies one would imagine - scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, toast, etc. - and then some. “And we will have an omelette station,” Malcolm says.

Local musicians will provide some ambiance for diners. Groups of eight or more are asked to call ahead for a reservation.

For more information, call 705-935-0902 or 705-455-2433.

Tom Wilkinson becomes president of the Lakelands Association of Realtors

The Association also welcomes three new directors

The Lakelands Association of Realtors is pleased to announce Tom Wilkinson as association president for 2015-2016. Wilkinson has been a realtor for 13 years and is a broker with Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd. in Minden.

He has served twice on the board as director for a total of three years and was also a member and chairman of the association’s MLS Committee. Serving on the board in support of Wilkinson will be immediate past-president, Mike Stahls of Royal LePage Real Quest Realty in Orillia; president-elect, Mike Taylor of Coldwell Banker Thompson Real Estate in Huntsville; returning directors, Debbie Gilbert of RE/MAX Orillia Realty Ltd. in Orillia; and Debbie Vernon of Royal LePage Lakes of Muskoka Realty in Bracebridge; and newly appointed Directors, Heather Scott of RE/MAX Hallmark Realty Ltd. in Port Carling; Catharine Spencer-Inniss of Royal LePage Lakes of Muskoka Realty in Gravenhurst; and Emilio Foffano of Royal LePage Lakes of Muskoka Realty in Burk’s Falls. Muskoka Haliburton Orillia - The Lakelands Association of Realtors (LAR) represents over 660 local realtor members who serve Muskoka, Haliburton, Orillia, and

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Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse a porch planter beaming with colourful pansy faces greets the early morning riser. There is a faint blush of green across the old lilac stand in the dooryard and from my desk window the rhubarb's life force thrusts up through the very same spot it has forever according to neighbours' childhood memories of coming to collect some. Eleven-year-old grandson Ben called to report that after three gruelling tryouts he had made the Stouffville Clippers Double A team again this year while grandson Austin after a successful first year in journalism at Centennial College is enjoying his summer job at a prestigious golf course. One of his tasks is driving the "Gator" on the driving range to retrieve balls. The machine itself proves a tempting moving target and although he is behind a protective screening the "pings" still startle. This Sunday is Mother's Day. Only 63 when she left us my mom's name was Georgia, her favourite flowers yellow roses and candy cherry chocolates. Through ancestry sites we have come to learn much more and now our granddaughter Emma is writing "Georgia-Pie" a story about

that journey.

A reminder that the Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation's annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 9 a.m. in the board room on the lower level of the centre. All are welcome to attend. Funds raised by the foundation are directed to the purchase of necessary equipment and upgrading of systems to support the doctors and staff.

Reservations are recommended for the Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Harmony Farm now re-opened for the season. This restaurant, gourmet shop and boutique located at 3290 Cty. Rd, 121 south of Kinmount also offers many food items to serve at home with catering services also available. The contact number is 705-488-3300.

The Kinmount Model Railroad Club invites new members on board. There have been many changes at the historic Railway Station in preparation for tourist season with extended open hours beginning on the Victoria Day weekend. Safety glass has been installed not only to protect this terrific display but to allow for viewing access whenever the Station is open. Thanks to a donation by Gren Schrader of equipment and memorabilia the telegraph office has been re-constructed and a large display of telegraph and railway photos transports the visitor back through history. If interested in becoming involved please give Andrew a call at 705-488-2291 or text 705-928-2899.

While the famous Kinmount Fair may still seem a distant event on the calendar planning is well underway including the theme for this year's Heritage Exhibit in the Pioneer Complex. It will feature First Peoples (Anishnaabe) and if you have information to share please contact jmacdonald11@bell.net.

At the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount Spring Crafts and More Show this Saturday, May 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. a special feature will be readings by Anya Gorman, third generation professional international Celtic Psychic and Medium. She will be offering 20 minute readings for a \$20/fee and advance registration is recommended by calling 705-488-3462. Also at the branch it will be Victoria Day Bingo on Friday, May 15 with a \$500 must go jackpot then the Musical Meat Roll with the Cleverly Hillbillies on Saturday, May 23 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Kinmount Farmers' Market will open its season on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Victoria Day weekend. Located down by the riverside in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park the Market invites new vendors. Buskers and/or Musicians to participate with details available by calling 705-799-1237 or visit its website at kinmountfarmersmarket.ca.

Until next week keep busy and well. They go together...

Patio is open for guests at Legion



LEGION BR. 636

The busy summer season is upon us and Minden Legion has several volunteer opportunities available. If you know a high school student who still needs to get their 40 hours of community work to graduate, please contact the branch at 705-286-4541.

By the time you read this article, Minden Legion members will know the names of those who have been chosen to steer the helm of Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 for 2015-16. There are several committees and each requires members to contribute to the health and activities of the branch, particularly the weekday meals that the public enjoy so much! In addition to the full menu lunches, liver lovers are very happy with the Tuesday feature and on Fridays we serve fish and chips for lunch and supper.

The patio is open for the season and any smokers are encouraged to use the table furthest from the door. Now that the

snowbirds are back and the weather is so wonderful, Minden Legion welcomes everyone to try a lunch from the full menu. These lunches enable us to support the community by our donations and by providing our premises to several community groups. Ladies darts have switched to Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. That way, they can also take part in the meat draws held at the Wednesday lunch!

Speaking of food, in a twist on our monthly draw for a \$75 dinner for two at a local restaurant, the draw for May will be \$75 gift card to use at Dollo's Foodland. Put your own meal together, host a party, be your own restaurant! Everyone needs to eat, drop in to the branch any weekday and purchase your tickets at \$2 each or three for \$5. Draw date will be May 29.

The April raffle of a \$75 gift certificate for the Rhubarb in Carnarvon was won by none other than our hard-working Rick Wilson. Many thanks to Christoph Carl and Terri Mathews-Carl, owners of Rhubarb for a generous donation towards this gift certificate.

At the general membership meeting two more prospec-

tive members were proposed, Robert Judge and Jean Farrell, a veteran. From now through July 31, you could win a two-week Caribbean cruise for two in the Royal Canadian Legion's ONE by ONE membership recruitment campaign. Bring in a new member today and help ensure the future of your Legion. Plus, all recruiting members and all new members recruited and entered through the campaign will be entered into a provincial command draw for an iPad! Like they say on the TV commercials, "Wait, there's more!" With every new member you sign up, you can register in the contest online at www.legion.ca for ANOTHER chance at winning our grand prize of a Caribbean Cruise!

Al Mayo recently attended the District F Convention in Whitby where Buck Buchanan was elected as Commander with Don Ramsey as deputy. Read the District Reveille Spring newsletter report that Minden Legion won the 2014 Scrapbook Award, Bruce and Helen Ford Editors. There are about 50 Branches in District F.



County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Linda Lambert reminds that the Wednesday evening bid euchre at Stanhope will start up again this Wednesday, May 6th at 7 p.m. welcoming everyone back from the winter break.

April 28 contract bridge at Club 35: Leading the scoring were Muriel McIntosh 5,720, Ross Davies 4,830, Jackie Metcalf 4,810 and Norm Smith 4,550 with Ross Fletcher awarded the Lucky Loonie.

April 28 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The high scoring trio members were Jim Taylor 4,810, Dave Heaven 4,150 and Linda Taylor 3,570. Nancy Ballantyne also reports that Jim Taylor and Lillian Mann teamed up for a Small Slam.

April 28 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top marks went to Marg Oetelaar and Max McKelvey at 293 with a tie for second spot at 257 between our reporter Pearl Cowen and Grace Berardi and Ray Lymer teamed with Sandy Poulton. Third place winners were Jean Randell and Andy Boivin 228 while Connie Sawyer and George Hamilton posted the afternoon's low of 97.

April 28 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Nancy McPherson reports that Bruce Shephard took most lone hands honours with Linda Schrader high lady and Reta Crofts low. For the gents Jim McPherson was high man and Gene Newell low with Gene also winning the special prize.

April 28 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Tied for first place for the ladies at 272 were Karen Chapman and Clare Odam with Dorothy McElwain next at 266 and Sharron Atkinson

254 third. Leading the gents at 356 was Ida Young followed by Garth Windsor 306, Theresa Deak 258 and Bruce Medcalf 244. Doug McIntosh won the major draw with Bruce Medcalf and Sharron Atkinson [2] claiming the small prizes and Bruce also taking a moonshot along with Ida Young [2].

April 29 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Joan Davies and our reporter Margo Davidson 57 percent and Vange Croucher partnered with Ross Davies 54 percent. Over in East/West Peter O'Connor teamed with Gord Cochrane led at 67 percent with Shirley and Milton Barry next at 53 percent.

April 30 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hand holders were Joan Mann and John Deak with Shirley Davis and Tom Grix posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows went to Yvonne Arbuthnot and Harold Harvie with Yvonne also winning the draw while Bev Alexander and John Deak along with Terry and Shirley Davis took home the other prizes. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this update. Best wishes go out to Tom Orr for a speedy recovery from his many friends at cards.

April 30 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Dorothy McElwain 278, Pearl Cowen 266, Sharron Atkinson 257 and Karin Harrison 253. First for the gents at 267 was Albert Foster followed by Marcel Roussel 265, Jesse Barlow 261 and Jean Clarke 256. Betty Wagar further reports that Vi Howell won for call 1, Dwaine Lloyd and Diane Wigley held the hidden score and Pearl Cowen took the card draw. In the moonshot column Albert Foster,

Sharon Jarvis, Pat Roussel, Vi Howell and Dwaine Lloyd all had singles with Tom Grix tripling.

May 1 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Gord Cochrane and Peter O'Connor led at 70 percent then Shirley and Milton Barry 63 percent, Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies 58 percent and Dianne James partnered with Jackie Metcalf 56 percent.

May 1 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Cathy Howe, for lone hands our reporter Shirley Howe, for low hands Arthur Forbes and for the special prize Judy Reddy. Shirley advises that the group will now take a summer break and start up again in September.

May 2 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: For the ladies Jean Scadden led at 312, then Vi Howell 257, Pat Roussel 206 and Diane Wigley 199. First for the gents at 270 was Jason Peacock followed by Howard Smith 234, Archie Ross 213 and Kevin Maloney 191. Marcel Roussel won the major special prize with Bev Johnson, Jason Peacock and Jesse Barlow claiming the smaller prizes while Jason, Bev, Jean Scadden, Marcel Roussel and our reporter Albert Foster had single moonshots.

May 4 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Margaret Fletcher and Lynn Preston with Barbara Braithwaite and our reporter Tim Sharpe posting the high scores. Don Blakey had the afternoon's low while Ellen Holden claimed the special prize.

May 4 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Top marks went to Tom Grix 309, Dana Briscoe 279 and Vic Ballik 266 with Pauline Franzen winning the draw. Pauline also took a moonshot along with Tom Grix and our reporter Rose Isaacson.

May 4 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Howard Smith won for high hands and Bev Johnson for lone hands with Pearl Cowen taking both low hands and the special prize.

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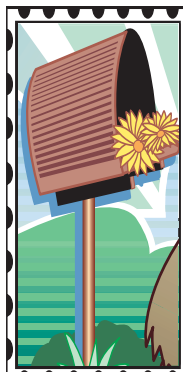
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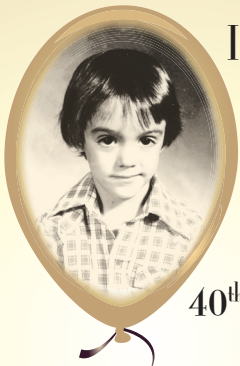
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